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Air Force Recon Squadrons Relocating from France

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The United States is relocating six Air Force reconnaissance squadrons from France as a result of French actions which force the removal of U.S. air and ground forces from that country.

Three of the six squadrons now in France will be moved to bases in the United Kingdom. A fourth squadron will be inactivated as previously scheduled. The other two squadrons will return to the United States, with provisions for dual-basing in the U.S. and Germany.

The relocations are scheduled for completion by October of this year. Approximately 4,400 personnel are involved.

Defense Department officials said, "The net result of the relocation from France is that the U.S. will meet its commitment of eight reconnaissance squadrons to NATO, with six based in Europe and two home-based in the United States with alternate facilities in Europe."

Officials noted the actions are being taken in consultation with governments of United Kingdom, Germany and other NATO nations.

FINAL AWARDS—Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, USAF, (second from left) newly-appointed Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, decorated three of his headquarters staff before relinquishing command of USAFE to Gen. Maurice A. Preston. Recipients were: Lt. Col. Clyde R. Bergwin, (left) Chief of Public Information, oak leaf cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal; Col. Frank L. Luschen (second from right), Director of Programs, and Col. Frederick A. Sanders (right), Chief of Contingency Plans DCS/Ops, the Legion of Merit.

President Terms Bond Drive 'Remarkable Achievement'

The response by Federal employees in pledging to purchase Savings Bonds "is a remarkable achievement," President Johnson said following the two-month campaign that ended June 30.

The President made the remark at the White House unveiling ceremony July 28 for the Savings Bonds Servicemen Stamp, an idea shared by a group of junior high school students in Sioux City, Iowa.

"Since the increase in the interest rate on Savings Bonds last February," the President said, "the total bond pledges have already increased more than 11 percent."

The President made reference to 17 Departments and Agencies that had pledged up to 90 percent or better —qualifying for the Minuteman Flag. He also said 29 other Departments and Agencies signed up between 75 and 89 percent of all their employees.

Army Chaparral Missile Meets Test Objectives

Successful test firing of Chaparral, Army's newest air defense guided missile system, has been conducted at White Sands Missile Range, N. Mex.

DOD said all test objectives were met when the supersonic Chaparral intercepted a Firebee target missile in a continuing series of development firings.

Chaparral is one of two weapon systems selected by Army for arming new air defense battalions. These battalions are being organized to provide field commanders with low altitude air defense in forward areas.

The Chaparral will be complemented in the forward air defense role by the Vulcan Gun, the self-propelled Hawk and the Redeye.

Chaparral's self-contained fire unit may be aimed and fired against hostile aircraft while mounted on various type vehicles, or while ground emplaced. The missile guides on the target's heat source after launch.

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TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF Navy's new Walleye weapon is underway at U.S. Naval Missile Center, Pt. Mugu, Calif. Walleye, project of Naval Air Systems Command, is described as "television-guided glide weapon." Weapon has no propulsion system, is launched from an airplane and glides to target. TV camera in weapon locks on target, guiding weapon. Range is described as "several miles."

CANADA HAS APPOINTED a Liaison Officer to the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service. Major Francis L. Havey, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, has been named to post. Assignment stems from Canadian desire for close study of single-manager traffic control in military.

BALLOON TO VENUS is under consideration by NASA as floating research station to gather data on Venusian atmosphere. Still in study stage, balloon or other inflatable buoyant device might prove better than surface probe for 800 degree surface temperature on Venus.

FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZ. has established U.S. Army Electronic Warfare School. First class convened August 1. New school, commanded by Lt. Col. Samuel J. Bistany, will train military personnel as electronic warfare officers, repairmen and operators.

NAVY EXCHANGE SALES during FY66 reached record high $501,023,946, according to Navy Ship's Store Office. This represents $87 million rise in volume over previous year, or 17 percent gain. RAdm. Charles A. Blick, NSSO's commanding officer, stressed that pattern of growth in volume over years results from constant efforts to increase patron satisfaction.

FIRE LOSSES WERE zero in Continental Air Command during FY66. Record was established by command's 14 bases, which have real estate value of nearly $240 million. CONAC officials attribute record to continual review of building conditions, quick elimination of fire hazards, safety consciousness of personnel, Air Force Reservists assistance, and CONAC's "TOP" program.

NAVY DESTROYER SCHOOL reports keen competition among junior officers to attend six month long course at Newport, R.I. Only 360 are selected annually and the word from DD skippers at Yankee Station is "send more graduates." After schooling, graduates serve two-year department head tour at sea in destroyers.

AIR FORCE OFFICIAL aerial demonstration team, Thunderbirds, is accepting applications for enlisted team positions for openings scheduled next spring. TSgts., SSgts. and A1Cs in AF Specialty code 431X1c, and SSgts. or A1Cs in codes 422X1 and 702X0 are sought. Tour is 24 months with 12-month extension option. Particulars are in Chapter 3, AFM 39–11.

EXPERTS IN GAS dynamics from Italy, Canada, Belgium and the U.S. met at U.S. Air Force Academy for conference on use of shock tubes in education research. Academy is location of only low density shock tube in Air Force and largest of its kind in world.

OPTICAL TRACKING EQUIPMENT has confirmed Air Force-developed, balloon-shaped satellite placed into 540 mile high orbit from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., recently, inflated before its plastic skin was disintegrated by the sun. Remaining skeleton is grid of soft aluminum wire that could be used as passive communications satellite to reflect signals from one earth station to another.

PACIFIC FLEET DESTROYER USS O'Brien completed longest trip ever taken on Columbia River in single day—total of 180 miles. Earlier, O'Brien made history as largest ship ever to navigate river above Bonneville Dam.

SUPER SEARCHLIGHTS ARE being tested by Air Force as possible substitute for illumination parachute flares. Called AGIL, code name for Airborne General Illumination Light, the system employs two banks of 14 high intensity lights. Air Force says that when perfected it will be first time a battlefield will have long-lasting light covering a wide area.

TEN THOUSAND-KILOWATT floating power plant housed in converted WWII Liberty Ship is being tested by Army. Developed by Army's Corps of Engineers, MH-1A can be used for disaster relief to communities near ocean ports or remote area operations along navigable waterways. Nuclear power plant is similar to plant which propels nuclear ship USS Savannah.

TEN NIKE-CAJUN sounding rockets will be fired in midnight shoot from Brazil, Canada and U.S. to probe deeper into noctilucent "nighttime" cloud formations. Noctilucent clouds are visible at night because of sunlight reflected off small particles of matter in space. NASA is conducting experiment.

BGEN. ARTHUR W. CRUIKSHANK JR., USAF, has assumed position of Deputy Commander for Minuteman at Ballistic Systems Division of Air Force Systems Command at Norton AFB, Calif., succeeding MGen. John L. McCoy, USAF, who became commander of Ballistic Systems Division July 20.

IN FIRST SIX months of 1966, Air Force's 315th Air Div. surpassed by more than 10 percent the record-shattering cargo tonnage mark it set during all of 1965. Divisions transported 344,780 tons of cargo and mail between Jan. 1-June 30.

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Background for Commanders

The World Food Problem*

The mounting world food and population crisis is second only to maintenance of world peace in our concerns.

"Hunger poisons the mind. It saps the body. It destroys hope. It is the natural enemy of every man on earth."

When President Johnson spoke those words, he defined the meaning of the world food crisis for the United States. And on this conclusion he based his statement that "hunger is a world problem. It must be dealt with by the world."

It resolves itself into four bleak facts:

1. Substantial numbers of human beings are chronically undernourished—with all that implies for infant mortality, ill-health, and economic stagnation.

2. World population is growing rapidly.

3. Per capita food production in some of the less developed countries has actually begun to decline. Consumption per capita has barely remained stable in some of these nations and has diminished in others. Some countries have made remarkable progress in increasing food production.

4. The reserve food production capacity of the developed countries will not indefinitely fill the widening gap between food needs and food production in the less developed countries. It would make neither political nor economic sense for a few countries to try to fill that gap with food aid.

Projected to the developing nations, these four facts spell deepening misery, political upheaval, economic reversal, impaired world prosperity, accentuated conflict.

Tasks To Be Accomplished

To avert a calamitous food-population crisis:

- Food production in the less developed nations must be increased. This requires strong action by the developing countries and increased technical and capital assistance from the developed countries.
- Assistance must be supplied as an urgent claim on all the advanced countries until food production in the developing countries has been increased.
- There must be increasing opportunities for men and women consciously to decide the size of their families.

The United States plans nearly to double in the coming years its 1964 level of assistance for agriculture. We expect soon to be investing more than $500 million a year in financing fertilizer imports, transferring modern farming techniques and equipment to the developing countries, constructing fertilizer plants, establishing more extension services, cooperatives, and credit facilities, and financing research for better and more nutritious crops.

The President has proposed a new Food for Freedom program which will be closely integrated with our economic assistance efforts. The new legislation will increase food aid shipments while the recipient countries expand their output. Part of the local currency generated under food sales will be reinvested in agricultural development and food processing industries. The food supplied in many cases will be used as wages in rural development programs to promote self-help.

In determining our assistance, we will take particular note of each country's efforts to develop its own food capabilities. If required, we are prepared to do still more as less developed countries intensify their efforts to help themselves. We would welcome an increase in the contribution of the Soviet Union and the Eastern European states to this task.

How Should We Organize an Increased Effort?

In the case of food aid, the problem is relatively simple. More will be required in the years to come.

Here is how we might provide it, supplementing national programs with collective action:

First—The World Food Program has the capacity to do an increasing share of the job. For lack of sufficient matching funds, the U.S. pledge of 130 million for 1966-68 may not be fully used. Pledges from other FAO members are still some $60 million short. We hope this need will be met. We would be prepared to increase substantially our contribution to the World Food Program to match pledges by others.

Second—The United States is prepared to agree with other producer nations on the creation of a World Food Reserve held available for emergency use.

Third—Stabilization of population: We standy ready to assist countries which ask for our help in efforts to assure that children brought into the world are wanted.

Many people are not yet aware that the looming world famine will threaten their individual peace and well-being, and that the tragedy of famine must be averted in the interest of peace and humanity.

I am confident that, when they become familiar with the facts, the people of my country will respond affirmatively—as they have done time and again during the last 20 years and more.

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* *Excerpts from address by Secretary of State Dean Rusk at meeting of Development Assistance Committee, OECD.*

Army EM Promotions Reach All-Time High

Army's monthly enlisted promotion quota reached an all-time high with August's 108,793 representing the largest such authorization under the current quota system.

The second highest authorization was announced for last May when the figure also topped 100,000. It has held consistently high during the Army build-up.

This means that about one of each 10 men and women on active Army duty is authorized a promotion during the month. This does not include privates E-1 and E-2, who are promoted under another system.

Advancement from private first class (E-3) to specialist four or corporal (E-4) is authorized for 79,693. Next largest figure is 22,657 for E-5 promotion.

In the higher enlisted grades the authorization is for 3,904 to E-6; 1,971 to E-7; 451 to E-8; and 117 to E-9.

Navy Commissions Two Ships, Launches Another

The Navy has sent to sea two new vessels specializing in close, in-shore operations.

Commissioned Aug. 6 at Tacoma, Wash., was the patrol motor gunboat Asheville, 165 feet long and armed with a 3 inch gun, one 40 mm and two 50 caliber machine guns.

Meanwhile, at Philadelphia, another commissioning ceremony Aug. 6, sent to the fleet the amphibious Assault Ship Tripoli which is designed to embark, transport and land troops and their equipment via helicopters.

A third naval ceremony—a launching—took place the same day at Pascagoula, Miss., where the amphibious transport dock Dubuque went down the ways. This vessel is designed to carry both combat troops and their equipment and to operate transport helicopters and landing craft.

CHANGE OF COMMAND—VAdm. Kleber S. Masterson, USN, turns over command of the U.S. Second Fleet to VAdm. Bernard A. Clarey Aug. 22. VAdm. Masterson has been named Director of Defense Department's Weapons Systems Evaluation Group in Washington, D.C.

Army's Mohawk Claims Five Aviation Records

Army's OV-1 Mohawk surveillance aircraft has claimed five world aviation records for flights made June 16-17.

The claims have been filed with the Federation Aeronautique Internationale under a new category for land-based turboprop aircraft weighing between 13,227 and 17,636 pounds.

Records claimed include: straight line distance; 100 kilometer closed circuit course; time to climb to 3,000 meters; time to climb to 6,000 meters, and sustained altitude in horizontal flight.

Lt. Gen. McNickle Named To Defense Research Post

Air Force Lt. Gen. Marvin L. McNickle has been appointed Deputy of Defense Research and Engineering for Administration, Evaluation and Management. Part of his new job entails supervisory control over the operational test and evaluation of new weapons systems.

With his Aug. 1 appointment came promotion to Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps Commandant On 4th Visit to Vietnam

Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr. is paying his fourth visit to the Republic of South Vietnam since becoming Marine Corps Commandant.

This visit — an 11-day tour of Marine activity in the western Pacific — also includes stops at Alaska, Japan, Okinawa, Republic of the Philippines and Hawaii.

Gen. Greene was scheduled to leave Washington Aug. 2 and return Aug. 13.

Central Assignment System Set Up for Senior Navy EM

A centralized system is being used by the Navy to assign master and senior chief petty officers.

The selection procedure, similar to that used for assignment of officers, insures that master and senior CPOs fill only authorized billets.

Officials said the centralized system is part of the Navy's continuing effort to provide an equitable assignment rotation for its top two enlisted pay grades.

AF Unit Installing Time-Sharing Computer

Installation of initial components of a GE-647 computer at Rome Air Development Center's Computer Sciences Center marks the beginning of the largest time-sharing computer complex in the Air Force inventory.

The computer is among the first designed specifically for time-sharing operations—a technique which allows many people to make simultaneous use of a computer's full power.

In September, officials of RADC will meet with representatives of New York universities and colleges to work out details of a cooperative program which will enable colleges within 125 miles of RADC to simultaneously address the new computer in their efforts to explore new computer uses.

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